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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 2019-0640]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for

Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Air Taxi and Commercial

Operator Airport Activity Survey

AGENCY: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA), DOT

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 16, 2019. The collection involves requesting that small on-demand operators voluntarily provide the number of revenue passengers that boarded their aircraft at each airport annually. This information is used in determining an airport's category and eligibility for federal funding on an annual basis. It is not available through any other federal data source.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation / FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis Loarte by e-mail at: Luis.Loarte@faa.gov;

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0067

Title: Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey

Form Numbers: FAA Form 1800-31

Type of Review: Clearance of a renewal of an information collection

Background: The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the

following collection of information was published on August 16, 2019 under FRN document citation

number 2019-0640. The data collected through this survey is the only source of data for charter and

nonscheduled passenger data by Part 135 operator (air taxis). The data received on the form (either paper

or signed electronic copy) is then incorporated into the Air Carrier Activity Information System which is

used to determine whether an airport is eligible for Airport Improvement Program funds and for

calculating primary airport sponsor apportionment as specified by title 49 United Stated Code (U.S.C.),

section 47114. The data collected on the form includes passenger enplanements by carrier and by airport.

Passengers traveling on air taxis would be overlooked entirely if this passenger survey were not

conducted. As a result, many airports would not receive their fair share of funds since there is currently

no other source for this type of charter activity. On average, approximately 100 operators respond each

year, reporting a total 1.1 million passengers. This data is important to those airports that struggle to meet

the 2,500 and 10,000 passenger levels and could not do so without the reporting of the charter passengers.

Respondents: The voluntary survey is sent through the U.S. Postal Service to approximately 190 small

on-demand operators (certificated under Federal Aviation Regulation Part 135) that have reported activity

in the last three years. The form is also available on the FAA website. Beginning with the calendar year

2019 data, operators will be able to access the form, electronically sign and submit it to the FAA.

Frequency: Annually

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1.5 hours per respondent

Estimated Total Annual Burden: On average, approximately 100 respondents submit an annual

response. The cumulative total annual burden is estimated to be 150 hours.

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